

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 14, 2013

Agenda Item: 2013 Black Bear Quotas

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Approval of Final Quotas

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background

Black bear season dates and season structure for 2013 were finalized in February 2012. Quotas may be changed annually. Field surveys have identified a proposed quota change in one black bear license type that is outside the biennial quota range adopted in February 2012. This adjustment is proposed for FWP Commission adoption and is listed below. All other changes and/or maintenance of 2012 black bear quotas for 2013 are within the adopted biennial quota ranges and do not require additional commission approval.

BLACK BEAR

- 700: Increase the fall license quota from 4 to 8

Public Involvement Process & Results

Public comment was accepted on this proposal through 5 p.m., Jan. 28. FWP received eight comments, one of which was specific to the proposed change.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2012 (status quo) as per staff justifications, public comment and/or commission discussion.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends adopting the proposed change which is consistent with known wildlife biology, management history and survey efforts.

Proposed Motion

I move to adopt the final 2013 black bear quotas as presented by FWP.